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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

DE MEUTER et al.

Art Unit: 1761

Application No.: 09/586,964

Examiner: L. Wong

Filed: June 5, 2000

For: SUGAR-FREE HARD COATING  
PREPARED FROM LIQUID  
MIXTURES OF ERYTHRITOL AND  
SORBITOL

Date: November 7, 2001

**SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO  
REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please amend claim 17 as follows:

17. (Amended) A process for producing the sugar-free hard-coated comestible according to claim 1, said process comprising:  
providing a moving mass comprised of edible, chewable and/or pharmaceutical cores,  
said mass being disposed in a rotating pan, and  
preparing at least one layer of said hard coating by adding a liquid coating syrup to said moving mass, said syrup comprising a mixture of sorbitol and erythritol in which erythritol is present in an amount of 1-50% w/w based on the dry substance of the mixture.

See Appendix for amendments.